

Bamberg School District One
Minutes of Regular Meeting of Board of Trustees
Bamberg-Ehrhardt High School
January 22, 2019
6:30 p.m.

Members present: Board Chair Christopher “Chris” Wallace, Vice Chair Janeth Walker, Secretary Tony E. Duncan, Trustee Julia “Kim” Berry and Trustee John L. Hiers.

Absent: None

1. **Call meeting to order:** Chairman Chris Wallace called the meeting to order and asked for a moment of silence.
2. **Notice to Media:** In accordance with the S. C. Code of Laws of 1976, as amended, Section 30-4-80(E), the following have been notified of the time, date, place and agenda of this meeting:

The Times and Democrat
The Advertizer-Herald
3. **Approval of Agenda**
Trustee John Hiers moved and Vice Chair Janeth Walker seconded to approve the agenda as presented. The motion passed 4-0. [Trustee Tony Duncan –Late Arriving]
4. **Approval of Minutes**
Vice Chair Janeth Walker moved and Trustee Kim Berry seconded to approve the minutes of November 19, 2018, as presented. The motion passed 4-0. [Trustee Tony Duncan – Late Arriving]
5. **2019 School Board Recognition – Review of the Ethical Principles**
In observance of National School Boards Month, the “Ethical Principles for Board Members” from SCSBA were reviewed and signed off by the members. These rules are helpful in carrying out the duties of Board members. Superintendent Schwarting noted that this District is very blessed to have a Board that works together as this one and is appreciative for all the work that they do.
6. **Approval of 2019 Board Calendar**
The 2019 Board Calendar was not made available for the meeting; therefore, **Vice Chair Janeth Walker moved and Trustee John Hiers seconded that the approval of the 2019 Board Calendar be tabled to the next meeting.** The motion passed 4-0. [Trustee Tony Duncan – Late Arriving]
7. **2018 Bamberg School District One Audit – Neal Crider, McGregor & Company Board Packet Enclosure:** Annual Financial Report – Year Ended June 30, 2018
Mr. Neal Crider, auditor. noted that the District received a “clean opinion” and there were no major findings. The General Fund ended with an increase in the Fund Balance of \$332,645.00 which brings it up to \$1,186,057.00. This is enough to meet the Fund

Balance requirement set forth by the State Department of Education. Noted also was that this was Food Service's best year since 2011 and the General Fund did not have to transfer funds to it this year. It is now self-sustained which is what it should be. Overall, Mr. Crider noted that this was a good year for the District's finances.

8. **School Reports: Stacey Walter, Denise Miller, Dennis Ulmer**

Handouts: School Reports (Reviewed by Principals):

- Richard Carroll Elementary School – Principal Stacey Walter
- Bamberg-Ehrhardt Middle School – Principal Denise Miller
- Bamberg-Ehrhardt High School – Dennis Ulmer

9. **Student/Staff Recognition Superintendent's Report**

Handouts: Board Packet Enclosures

Superintendent Schwarting noted the following:

a. **Overnight/Out-of-State Field Trip Request; and**

b. **Overnight Field Trip Request**

Trustee John Hiers moved and Trustee Kim Berry seconded to approve the **Overnight/Out-of-state field trip request for Project Beyond students in grades 6-8 to travel to Washington, DC, and Mount Vernon, Virginia, on February 15-18, 2019, and the overnight field trip request for students in grades 3,4 and 5 to travel to Charleston, South Carolina, on March 20-22, 2019.** The motion passed 5-0.

c. **SC Population Review: Why Districts Are Shrinking**

Districts are shrinking due to a decline in population. When this occurs, the school enrollment follows this same pattern.

d. **Board of Economic Advisors Report (17-18): Past, Present, Future**

According to the Board of Economic Advisors Report for the FY 2017-18, there is a surplus of \$172.2 million; 2 percent excess outside of target range. Also, other Budget items added \$4.9 million which resulted in a total budget surplus of \$177.1 million. Hopefully, a significant amount of this money will go toward education; however, the money is already sought out by many entities of the state. The report indicates that Bamberg is in the fourth quartile in terms of the census. Therefore, a decline in student enrollment is a reflection of this trend. [Board Packet Enclosure]

e. **Update sent to SDE on Proviso 1.102 (Shared Services)**

The District updated Proviso 1.102 Shared Services Plans with Allendale, Bamberg 1, and 2, Barnwell 19 and 29, Hampton 2 and submitted it to Molly Spearman at the State Department of Education.

f. **Volleyball/Football**

Bamberg-Ehrhardt High School Varsity Football total net gate for 2018-2019 school year was \$38,673.74 which was an increase of approximately \$3,100.00 from last year. The Volleyball net gate was \$371.20. [Board Packet Enclosure]

g. **Abbeville Fund / Bond Money Update**

Thus far, the District has spent \$571,637.47 of the Abbeville Fund and has a balance of \$591,463.53. Expenditures: gym floor, new basketball goals and wall pads, and

gym bleachers (BEHS); Construction Management Fees; kitchen equipment, gym floor, windows in gym, and new doors and locks in gym and building (BEMS). Brownstone is working with the Office of School Facilities to complete the following jobs: repairs to the ceiling and the adding of ADA compliant bathrooms (BEMS). Expenditures from Bond Funds: painting gym and exterior, chairs and desks (BEHS); adding an A/C control unit, alarm system, cameras, and outside benches and tables (BEMS); painting and repairing fence; tile work; application system; and a lawn mower.

h. Resolution for 2019-2020 General Obligation Bond (SCAGO)

Following a review of a request from the administration to sign a General Obligation Bond, **Trustee Janeth Walker moved and Trustee John Hiers seconded to approve the resolution for 2019-2020 for the General Obligation Bond not to exceed \$625,000 which includes bond fees for maintenance.** The motion passed 5-0.

Also, Superintendent Schwarting continued with the following:

- There will be an election held on April 9, 2019, for Bamberg County School Districts. The following seats are up for re-election in Bamberg School District #1: Seat 1 (Janeth Walker), Seat 2 (Michael Christopher “Chris” Wallace), and Seat 5 (Tony E. Duncan). Citizens desiring to be a candidate may file at the Voter Registration office in Bamberg. The filing period is Thursday, January 24th from 12:00 noon through Thursday, February 7th at 12:00 noon. There is no filing fee. Citizens who wish to vote in this election must register by March 9th.
- 2019 Statement of Economic Interests (SEI) report must be completed by Board members electronically. The deadline for filing is March 30, 2019 – no exceptions.
- Bamberg-Ehrhardt High School Dragon Newsletter is available for review. The students and Ms. Johnson worked very hard to publish it.
- The District purchased the Raptor Visitor Management system with state safety funds to manage visitors in all three schools. The system provides an instant, 50-state sex offender check, and also allows principals or other authorized staff to add custom alerts if a situation warrants. Letters will be sent home to parents, and the system will be up and running by next week. Training will be provided for office personnel.

10. 2018-2019 Budget Amendment

The 2018-2019 budget requires amending due to changes based on the 1% raise for all employees, Title I, Medicaid, and IDEA; however, the budget is still balanced at \$15,707,096.63 which is approximately a \$9,000 increase.

Trustee John Hiers **moved and Vice Chair Janeth Walker seconded to accept the revised 2018-2019 Budget of \$15,707,096.63 as presented.** The motion passed 5-0.

11. Monthly Financial Report

Board Packet Enclosures: Financial Reports for November 2018, and December 2018 Finance Director Devon Furr reviewed the financial report and noted that there are a lot of negatives in the report but next month the Budget will be back in place.

12. **Visitors' Comments**

Mr. Ken Ahlin noted that he passed and had no comments.

Mrs. Amy Stembriage expressed appreciation for the leadership of Coach Mark Moody and Assistant Coach Malcolm Jones who have been working with the wrestling team for the last month. As past alumni and champions in their time, Mark and Malcolm have rallied behind a damaged wrestling team and have helped to salvage the wrestling season. Mrs. Stembriage believes Mark and Malcolm are definitely deserving of accolades, and praise for their leadership and dedication to the wrestling program. She hopes the Board will recognize their leadership and willingness to step up and help a broken team.

13. **Executive Session**

Board Chair Chris Wallace called for a **motion to enter Executive Session**. Trustee John Hiers **moved and Vice Chair Janeth Walker seconded to enter the Executive Session**. The motion carried (5-0).

- a. Discussion of a Personnel Matter
- b. Superintendent's Evaluation
- c. Personnel Recommendation for Resignation
- d. Personnel Recommendation for Employment

Open session: Vice Chair Janeth Walker **moved and Trustee John Hiers seconded for the Board to come out of Executive Session and return to the regular session of the meeting**. The motion passed 5-0.

14. **Action on Executive Session Items**

Vice Chair Janeth Walker **moved and Trustee John Hiers seconded that with regards to Agenda Item (a.) Discussion of a Personnel Matter that no action was taken; with regards to Agenda Item (b.) Superintendent's Evaluation that there was no action taken; with regards to Agenda Item (c.) Personnel Recommendation for Resignation to accept the employee's resignation listed (Person #1); and with regards to Agenda Item (d.) Personnel Recommendation for Employment to accept the employee listed as presented**. The motion passed 5-0.

15. **Adjourn**

Trustee Tony Duncan moved and Vice Chair Janeth Walker seconded to adjourn the meeting. The motion passed 5-0.

The meeting was adjourned at 9:05 p.m.

Minutes approved:

Christopher Wallace, Board Chair

Tony E. Duncan, Secretary